

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

a) Please substitute the following clean copy text for the pending claims of the same number:

27. (Twice Amended) A bandwidth allocation manager for determining bandwidth allocation in a digital broadband delivery system, wherein the bandwidth allocation manager dynamically assigns at least two different content delivery modes to a plurality of digital transmission channels based at least partially on a subscriber reservation request, and wherein the at least two different content delivery modes include a pay-per-view mode.

28. (Twice Amended) A bandwidth allocation system in a digital broadband delivery system comprising:

a bandwidth allocation manager that determines a bandwidth allocation schedule in the digital broadband delivery system based at least partially on a subscriber reservation request, wherein the subscriber reservation request comprises a plurality of subscriber preferences identifying a desired level of random access functionality; and

a network manager in communication with the bandwidth allocation manager, where the network manager allocates bandwidth according to the bandwidth allocation schedule determined by the bandwidth allocation manager.

29. (Twice Amended) A digital home communication terminal for use in a digital broadband delivery system containing a bandwidth allocation manager comprising:

an interface that receives a subscriber reservation request identifying a date and time that the subscriber wishes to reserve for viewing a program in the future, wherein the subscriber reservation request comprises a plurality of subscriber preferences identifying a desired level of random access functionality; and

a tuner that transmits the subscriber criteria to the bandwidth allocation manager for use in dynamically allocating bandwidth in the digital broadband delivery system.

b) Please add the following new claims:

42- (New) A method for allocating bandwidth in a digital broadband delivery system, comprising:

receiving a subscriber reservation request that identifies a desired level of random access functionality; and

assigning at least two different content delivery modes to a plurality of digital transmission channels responsive at least in part to the subscriber reservation request.

43- (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the subscriber reservation request identifies a date and time that a subscriber wishes to reserve for viewing a program in the future, a preferred content delivery mode, and a price that the subscriber is willing to pay to have a reservation request fulfilled.

44- (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the at least two different content delivery modes include a pay-per-view mode.

45- (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the at least two different content delivery modes are selected from the group consisting of broadcast, pay-per-view, video-on-demand, and near video-on-demand.

46- (New) A method for allocating bandwidth in a digital broadband delivery system, comprising:

receiving a subscriber reservation request; and

assigning at least two different content delivery modes to a plurality of digital transmission channels responsive at least in part to the subscriber reservation request, wherein the at least two different content delivery modes include a pay-per-view mode.

47- (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the subscriber reservation request identifies a date and time that a subscriber wishes to reserve for viewing a program in the future, a preferred content delivery mode, and a price that the subscriber is willing to pay to have a reservation request fulfilled.

48- (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the subscriber reservation request that identifies a desired level of random access functionality.

49- (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the at least two different content delivery modes are selected from the group consisting of broadcast, pay-per-view, video-on-demand, and near video-on-demand.